

Community News

PPG Wrightson Any farmer who purchases selected Balance fertiliser from PGG Wrightson between 1 March and 31 May will be able to enter their school of choice in a draw to win one of four HP computers. Also, \$2 cash on every tonne sold will go the school to help with fundraising. All you have to do is nominate which school you want to support at the time of ordering. Please pick Waitomo Caves School.

Possum Fur Wanted Machine or hand plucked. Contact EcoFX Limited in Otorohanga 07 8738130 Weekdays 6:30am – 4:00pm. Kevin Christie, Business Manager.

Board of Trustees News

REPORT - Waitomo Caves School Board of Trustees

Strategic Plan

The Board have reviewed the school charter. There are areas in the strategic plan that have been discussed, reviewed and updated. This will be on display in the school foyer once confirmed by the Ministry.

Te Reo Follow Up

Te Reo meeting held with Miria Davis, Pania Hughes, Tamae Dimond, Lana Henry, Julian Dimond, Helen Easton, Bex Brown and Paerau Bell in attendance.

Tamae commented that it was a good time to share information and to look at the Ministry document of achievement objectives. Helen welcomes any input people may have. An outcome is that Paerau Bell will be starting classes in Term 2 on the Friday.

Bus Report

Tamae reported that Bayline Coach Ltd won the tender for the Waitomo Caves School bus route. Since notification the bus route had been changed. Currently the bus route is still under review and there may be further changes.

Property

The 5 Year Property Plan indicates Ministry funding for property is allocated to an administration/senior classroom upgrade which is due to be worked on.

Sports Day

Our sincere thanks to Alannah and Batch for all their hard work with preparing for the Sports Day. Thank you to all families who contributed in so many ways, your support is appreciated.

Meeting

The next Board meeting will be the change over of new members. This will be held on Tuesday 18 May at 6.00pm in Kauri class.

What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

23 April	BOT nominations close	
28 April	Teachers Union Meeting (afternoon)	
11 May	NZ Author visit to Te Kuiti	
18 May	New Board's first meeting	Mrs Dimond



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Term Two 2010

Week One – 23 April

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

Welcome to Term 2, we hope everyone had a wonderful holiday break and enjoyed the Easter Bunny's visit.

Unfortunately we farewell Jodie who now attends Otorohanga South School. We wish Jodie well at her new school.

Other changes include welcoming Matua Paerau Bell to staff. Paerau will be working with students during sessions on Friday's focussing on Te Reo and Kapa Haka.

Our sincere thanks to Rachel Stubbs for the fantastic swimming training with all our students this year. It has been very rewarding for everyone to see the challenges and skills our children present in the pool. Seniors have already set their goals for swimming next year and we look forward to Rachel being part of that again.

We are advertising for a new office administrator. Cathy has resigned to further her career in coach lines and she will be leaving later in the term.

Thank you so much to Batch, Alannah and the boys for maintaining the school pool for this years swimming season. Thank you also to Miria and her family for helping with the pool maintenance this year. It is a huge job and your efforts, dedication and time spent doing this job is truly appreciated. Without your support it would have been impossible for the



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children to achieve the results that they have with their swimming.

Thank you to our parents who attended the parent meeting on Tuesday afternoon. A summary follows.

Otorohanga College

Principal Timoti Harris attended our meeting and gave us an update on what Otorohanga College has available for graduating students from Year 8. We have enrolment forms and the 2010 School Prospectus for any interested parents that maybe considering the college for their children's secondary education.



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Honours

Bus Transport

There were several changes over the holiday break regarding the school bus. The current situation is that in the morning the bus run goes via Te Anga Road to Waipuna Road, back along Te Anga Road to school. This bus is expected to connect with the College bus that leaves the village at 8.00am which is why it continues to collect our children at the earlier time of 7.50am from Waipuna Road. The afternoon bus is the reverse of the morning run but there is no connection with the college bus. This enables the bus to leave school at approximately 3.00pm. Currently our bus driver is Bill Johnston and we are very appreciative of his services to drive our students to and from school everyday.



The Ministry have informed me that our bus service is still under review. Cathy continues to drive for GoBus and transports students into Otorohanga. The reason for two buses travelling the same road at the same time in the morning is a result of Cathy keeping the GoBus at her premises. We will continue to update our parent community as the review proceeds.

Keeping Ourselves Safe (KOS)

Constable Steve Ryburn informed our parent community of the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme that is currently being implemented. This programmed teaches children a range of safe practises that they can use when interacting with other people. Constable Ryburn participates in delivering part of the programme so we will be seeing more of him over the next few weeks. A parent booklet will be sent home for your information and children will be sharing homework activities with you about KOS.

NZ Author Workshop

The senior class will be involved in a workshop at the Te Kuiti Library on Tuesday 11 May from 10.45 am to 12 noon. As part of our literacy programme we are looking at the NZ Post Children's Book Award finalists and look forward to meeting one of the touring authors. The workshops will be run by NZ author Christine Fernyhough and photographer John Bougen. Christine is the author of 'Ben & Mark: Boys of the High Country' and her husband John has photographed the images for the book. If you would like to come along and provide transport it would be much appreciated. Please let the school know.

Court Lights

The WRSRC Senior Netball team have installed and are using the court lights. Thank you to all for a job well done. Colleen, Robin, Stretch, Trevor, Willy, Chris, Batch, Jo and Jodie. A great team effort.

Keep cool with water!

Wonderful Water Facts!

- The human body is about **75% water**
- Your **brain** is approximately 85% water and your **bones** are around 33% water.
- When water warms up it turns into a gas called **water vapour**
- The water that we drink has circled around the world for years and years! So long in fact that the water we drink now was around when the **dinosaurs** were on earth!
- Humans drink an average of **75,000 litres** of water throughout their life.
- Water regulates the **temperature** of the human body and helps to **filter waste** from the body.



Office Administrator

Waitomo Caves School is looking for a hands-on Office Administrator to administer and manage the day-to-day operations and activities of the school. This is a fixed term position, approximately 20 hours a week, starting date negotiable. The successful applicant will be required to complete secretarial tasks, general office management and be computer literate. Please apply in writing enclosing a current CV by Friday 14 May to Principal, Waitomo Caves School, Counter Box 49, Waitomo Caves 3943.